CLAIMS

1. A process for producing an imide compound hydrochloride of the formula (2):

or an enantiomer thereof,

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which comprises treating a compound of the formula (1):

or an enantiomer thereof with an aqueous hydrochloric acid solution in a hydrophilic solvent, followed by crystallizing the resultant.

- 2. The process for producing the imide compound hydrochloride according to claim 1, wherein the hydrophilic solvent is a ketone solvent.
- 3. The process for producing the imide compound hydrochloride according to claim 1, wherein the hydrophilic solvent is acetone.
- 4. The process for producing the imide compound hydrochloride according to any one of claims 1, 2 and 3, wherein the aqueous hydrochloric acid solution is a 1.8 14.4 % aqueous hydrochloric acid solution.
- 5. The process for producing the imide compound hydrochloride according to any one of claims 1, 2 and 3, wherein the aqueous hydrochloric acid solution is a 3.0 5.0 % aqueous hydrochloric acid solution.